

DMR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome

- New Advisory Council members (see attachment)

2. Approval of minutes (May 21, 2003, see attachment)

3. Regulations - Action

- Chapter 26.07(1) Sea Urchin Harvesting Season ~~2002-2003~~ 2003-2004, Zone 1
- Chapter 26.07(2) Sea Urchin Harvesting Season ~~2002-2003~~ 2003-2004, Zone 2
- Chapter 26.02 Sea Urchin Minimum Size and Tolerances
- Chapter 26.03 Sea Urchin Maximum Size and Tolerances
- Chapter 26.06 Sea Urchin Catch Bag Mesh Regulation for Zone 2
- Chapter 26.01 Nighttime Harvesting Prohibition - Technical correction and Chapter 26.05 Sea Urchin Drag Regulation - Technical correction (Margaret Hunter)
(The comment period does not close until July 12th for each of the above rulemaking proposals therefore only the proposed rulemaking forms are enclosed.)

4. Regulations - Pending

Chapter 26.05 Urchin drag escape panel (Margaret Hunter)

Chapter 34.10 Maine Groundfish Management Plan – federal consistency (Lew Flagg) (see attachment)

Chapter 45 Shrimp (Update with Chapter 34 Groundfish and lawsuit) (Col. Fessenden)

Chapter 34.10(1)(B)(4)(c) Groundfish Regulations, Whiting (Dan Schick) (see attachment)

Other:

Chapter 31 Horseshoe Crabs – Emergency Rulemaking (Comm. Lapointe) (see attachment)

Draft Shellfish Sanitation rules, copies of chapters 9, 15-20 are available on the web at:

http://www.state.me.us/dmr/rulemaking/shellfishrules_draft/draft_rules.htm (L. Churchill)

5. Special License

- Tim Arienti & Jacque Carter, University of New England, acoustic tagging of striped bass (see attachment)

6. Report(s)

- Legislature
- NEFMC & ASMFC (See attached summary by Lew Flagg and Letter to NOAA/NMFS from Advisory Council dated June 10, 2003 and June 9th letter from Commission Lapointe)

7. Other Business